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1. WHILE AWAITING APPOINTMENT WITH SOEDARMONO, WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN, I HAD OCCASION MARCH 15 TO CALL ON MOCTAR, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING FONMIN, TO DEAL WITH SEVERAL NON-LOS MATTERS. TAKING OPPORTUNITY I RAISED WITH HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL (MAKING NO MENTION OF SOEDARMONO), STATING WE HAD HEAR SOME COUNTRIES FAVOR ADOPTION AT GENEVA OF LARGER PACKAGE, INCLUDING ARCHIPELAGO, STRAITS, ECONOMIC ZONE AND TERRITORIAL SEA, AND ASKING WHETHER INDONESIA WOULD FAVOR THIS CONCEPT.

2. MOCHTAR SAID INDONESIA FAVORS PACKAGE CONCEPT AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ADVANCE TEAM , WHICH ARRIAVED IN GENEVA ABOUT MARCH 10, TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER WITH GROUP OF 77 NATIONS. MOCHTAR THOUGHT CONFERENCE ITSELF WOULD FIRST DISCUSS EACH OF LELMENTS OF
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POSSIBLE LARGER PACKAGE, AND THEN ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE

FULL PACKAGE.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION MOCHTAR COMMENTED THAT 20-25 VOTES OF LANDLOCKED AND SHELFLOCKED, OR "DISADVANTAGED" NATIONS WOULD BE CRUCIAL IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO MARITIME POWERS AND LDCS, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS TO COME UP WITH REGIME FOR DEEP SEABED TO BE INCLUDED IN PACKAGE, WHICH WOULD ATTRACT SUPPORT FROM DISADVANTAGED. MOCHTAR IMPLIED INDONESIA MIGHT HAVE TO CONCEDE SOMETHING FROM DEEP SEABED WITHIN ARCHIPELAGO AS PART OF THIS PROCESS.

4. I SHOWED MOCHTAR COPY OF MARCH 13 FBIS REPORT THAT JAPAN PREPARED TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE IF A) DEFINITION PRECLUDES UNLIMITED PROLIFERATION; B) FREE PASSAGE OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS GUARANTEED IN SAME MANNER AS IN INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, AND C) DUE REGARD BE PAID TO EXISTING INTERESTS OF OTHER STATES IN ARCHIPELAGO (EG FISHING). MOCHTAR STATED INDONESIA WELCOMES JAPANESE POSITION, THOUGH SECOND POINT WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL DEFINITION. HOWEVER, INDONESIA ARE "REASONABLE PEOPLE" HE CONCLUDED.

5. COMMENT: IMPRESSION MOCHTAR CONVEYED WAS THAT INDONESIA WILL SEEK FULLEST BACKING OF GROUP OF 77 AND DISADVANTAGED NATIONS AS BASIS FOR DEALING WITH MARITIME POWERS, BUT THAT INDONESIA CONTINUES PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGIC TRANSIT TO OBTAIN MARITIME POWER AGREEMENT ON LARGER PACKAGE INCLUDING ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT. HOWEVER, IMPLIED IN MOCHTAR'S VOTE-COUNTING WAS POSSIBILITY THAT, SHOULD AGREEMENT WITH MARITIME POWERS FAIL, INDONESIA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN ENFORCEABLE POLITICAL "VICTORY" OF LDCS AND DISADVANTAGED.

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